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Report Highlights:

As a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU regulations on export certificates. In addition to certificates required by the EU, there are specific sanitary certificate requirements with regard to salmonella imports of fresh meat, meat preparations and eggs into Finland.

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SECTION I. EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY FINLAND

Being a member of the European Union (EU), Finland fully applies EU export certificate regulations. Required certificate details are set out in specific legislation, including models of the certificates to be used. The U.S. Mission to the European Union's EU Certification Guide (http://useu.usmission.gov/agri/Certification_Guide.html) lists the required export certificates in EU.

In addition to certificates required by the EU, Finland has one specific certificate requirement. Finland requires an additional salmonella guarantee (health certificate) for fresh meat from bovine and poultry animals, fresh poultry meat and table eggs imported in Finland.

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Meat including minced meat	Commercial document for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Salmonella checks have been carried out with negative results and the statement from laboratory analyses is attached to certificate - Meat is intended for an establishment for the purposes of pasteurization, sterilization or treatment having similar effect - Meat comes from an establishment that is subject to a control program recognized as equivalent to that approved in Finland 	Salmonella guarantee	Finnish Food Safety Authority EVIRA (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.)
Eggs	Certificate for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of eggs intended for human consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The eggs originated from a flock which has been subjected to the checks has had negative Salmonella results - The eggs are destined to be used for the manufacture of processed products by a process that guarantees the elimination of salmonella 	Salmonella guarantee	Finnish Food Safety Authority EVIRA (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.)

SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Salmonella is the most common reason for food poisoning and it causes significant national health problems in some countries. Finland, Sweden and Norway are exceptions, because salmonella infections in production animals are rare. Finland has also a very efficient monitoring system for animals and food of animal origin in order to prevent salmonella infections. Therefore, Finland is allowed to require additional guarantees for salmonella controls of imported food such as fresh meat from bovine and poultry animals, fresh poultry meat and table eggs. The purpose of specific salmonella guarantees is to protect the consumer.

In addition, the purpose of specific salmonella guarantees is to ensure that certain analytical and sampling methods are applied in countries exporting to Finland. The following regulations lay down basic rules for sampling and analysis:

- 95/409/EC: Council Decision on the rules for the microbiological testing by sampling of fresh beef and veal and pig meat intended for Finland and Sweden
- 95/411/EC: Council Decision on the rules for the microbiological testing for salmonella by sampling of fresh poultry meat intended for Finland and Sweden
- 2003/470/EC: Commission Decision on the authorization of certain alternative methods to be used in microbiological testing of meat intended for Finland and Sweden
- Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 on the control of salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents
- Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 on implementing Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 as regards special guarantees concerning salmonella for consignments to Finland and Sweden of certain meat and eggs

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Generally, the attestation required on the export certificate of salmonella guarantee is that there is no occurrence of salmonella infection disease.

Model formats of the export certificates are provided in Appendix I of this report. These can also be found in the EU regulation 1688/2005.

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Certificate of salmonella guarantee is valid for only one consignment. Therefore every consignment has to be controlled separately. The documents must be produced at least in triplicate and the original must accompany the consignment to the final destination. The consignee must retain the original certificate.

General principle is that certificates must be in the official languages of Finland, in Finnish or Swedish. However, English versions are also accepted. Please contact the Finnish Food Safety Authority and Customs for precise information.

Certificate of salmonella guarantee must be issued by the competent authority. Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration is not accepted as proof of compliance.

The EU has a bilateral mutual equivalency veterinary trade agreement with the United States facilitating import procedures. However, the certificate requirements must be respected.

APPENDIX I.

Model commercial document for consignment to Finland and Sweden of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat

1. Consignor (name of dispatching establishment and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the dispatching establishment) 	Document reference number (1): Total number of pages of this document: Date (on which the material) was taken from the premises:	
2. Consignee (receiver's name and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the establishment of destination of the product) 	3. Place of loading for dispatch (address in full if different from point 1) 	
4. Carrier, means of transport, quantity and identification of consignment 4.1. Carrier name and address in full: 4.2. Lorry, rail-wagon, ship or aircraft (2) 4.3. Registration number(s), ship name or flight number: 	4.5. Nature of packaging: 4.6. Number of packages per category of products: 4.7. Net weight (kg): 4.8. Container number if applicable: 	
5. Description of the products 5.1. Type of products (3): 5.2. Condition of products (4):		
6. Declaration by the consignor I, the undersigned, declare that: The checks referred to in Commission Regulation [...] have been carried out with negative results and a statement from the laboratory concerning the analyses performed on the consignment on the results of such analyses is attached to this document (5). The meat from bovine or porcine animals, including minced meat thereof, is intended for an establishment for the purposes of pasteurisation, sterilisation or treatment having a similar effect (6). The meat, including minced meat, comes from an establishment that is subject to a control programme recognised as equivalent to that approved for Sweden and Finland (7).		
Signature Done at on (place) (date) (signature of the responsible person; consignor) (8) (name in capital letters)		
Notes (1) Reference number issued by the responsible person for purpose of traceability. (2) Delete as appropriate. (3) Describe the type of product (e.g. meat from bovine animals, meat from porcine animals, meat from poultry, minced meat). (4) Describe the condition of product: chilled or frozen. (5) The signature must be in a different colour to that of the printing.		

Model certificate for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of eggs intended for human consumption

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Intra trade certificate

Part I: Details of consignment presented	1.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code		1.2. Certificate reference number		1.2.1. Local reference number	
	1.4. Consigner Name Address Postal code		1.3. Central Competent Authority			
			1.4. Local Competent Authority			
			1.6. Note of refusal original certificate * / Note of accompanying documents *			
			1.7. Dealer * Name Approval number			
	1.5. Country of origin ISO code		1.9. Region of origin Code		1.10. Country of destination ISO code	
					1.11. Region of destination Code	
	1.12. Place of origin/place of harvest * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premises <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Sector centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved team <input type="checkbox"/> * Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code Approval number		1.13. Place of destination * Holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Assembly centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Dealer's premises <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Sector centre <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved aquaculture holding <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved team <input type="checkbox"/> * Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code Approval number			
	1.14. Place of loading * Postal code		1.15. Date and time of departure *			
	1.16. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification		1.17. Transporter * Name Address Postal code Member State			
1.18. Animal species/Product		1.19. Commodity code (CN code)				
1.21. Temperature of product Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>		1.22. Number of packages				
1.23. Identification of container/box number		1.24. Type of packaging				
1.25. Animals certified as products certified for: * Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> * Hatching <input type="checkbox"/> * Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> * Transformation <input type="checkbox"/> * Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> * Artificial reproduction <input type="checkbox"/> * Segregated storage <input type="checkbox"/> * Gene processing <input type="checkbox"/> * Pety <input type="checkbox"/> * Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/> * Animal feed/pet <input type="checkbox"/> * Pharmaceutical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Technical use <input type="checkbox"/> * Other <input type="checkbox"/>						
1.26. Transit through third country <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code Entry point RCP unit no.		1.27. Transit through Member states <input type="checkbox"/> Member State ISO code Member State ISO code Member State ISO code				
1.28. Export <input type="checkbox"/> Third country ISO code Exit point Code		1.29. Importing country code				
1.30. Route plan * Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
1.31. Identification of the animal/products Species Scientific name Category Processing plant Quantity Net weight Approval number of establishment/venue						

* Not to be completed

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Eggs for human consumption dispatched to Finland and Sweden

Part II: Certification	II. Health information	II(a) Certificate reference number	II(b) Local reference number								
	<p>Attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:</p> <p>(i) the eggs described above originate from a flock which has been subjected, with negative results, to the checks provided for in Commission Regulation [...](⁽¹⁾);</p> <p>(ii) the eggs are destined to be used for the manufacture of processed products by a process that guarantees the elimination of salmonella (⁽²⁾).</p>										
<p>Notes</p> <p>(⁽¹⁾) Box reference No L16: the registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft.</p> <p>(⁽²⁾) Box reference No L23: in case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated.</p> <p>(⁽³⁾) Box reference No L31: for 'category', indicate class A or B as in revised Council Regulation (EC) No 1907/90.</p> <p>(⁽⁴⁾) Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>(⁽⁵⁾) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.</p>											
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